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FUNCTIONALIZED LITHIUM INITIATORS  
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Dear Sir:

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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants are calling the following to the attention of the Patent Office and request that they be considered by the Examiner:

United States Patent 4,158,098  
United States Patent 5,521,309  
United States Patent 6,518,214  
United States Patent 5,981,639  
United States Patent 4,196,154

However, the above-listed references may not be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102 and this document should not be construed as an admission that any of the above-listed references are prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

United States Patent 4,158,098, United States Patent 5,521,309, and United States Patent 6,518,214 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because they were cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent case to this application

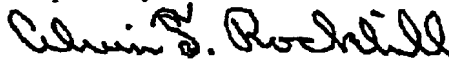
(Serial No. 09/944,664, now issued as United States Patent 6,686,504).

United States Patent 5,981,639 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it discloses that multifunctional initiators used to initiate anionic polymerizations include those prepared by reacting an organomonolithium compound with a multivinylphosphine or with a multivinylsilane, such a reaction preferably being conducted in an inert diluent such as a hydrocarbon or a mixture of a hydrocarbon and a polar organic compound.

United States Patent 4,196,154 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it describes organic liquid soluble multifunctional lithium containing initiators that are prepared by reacting an organo lithium compound with an organic compound containing at least one group of the configuration 1,3-bis(1-phenylethenyl)benzene.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date if Appropriate
	5,981,639	Nov. 9, 1999	Hsu et al	524	394	
	4,196,154	Apr. 1, 1980	Tung et al	260	665R	
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	6,518,214	Feb., 2003	Halasa et al	502	108	

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